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TWIN BROOK GREENHOUSES, INC.

Topsfield, Massachusetts

CYMBIDIUMS

WINTER

1955 - 1956

**AWARDED**

Massachusetts	Horticultural	Society	Silver	Medal	1951
”	”	”	”	”	1952
”	”	”	”	”	1953
”	”	”	Gold	Medal	1954
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**T**HE TWIN BROOK COMPANY was started in 1939 as a hobby.

We believe that Cymbidiums are the most rewarding of orchids and get the greatest pleasure through the production of magnificent flowers.

Over the fifteen years this Corporation has been in business, we have bought many hundreds of plants and seedlings, and have discarded most of them. Seedlings are an expensive gamble; the opinions of others are gamble enough.

Mr. William Mansell of the famous English firm of Mansell and Hatcher, acted as our agent from 1941 to 1944, buying what he thought were the top crosses in England. His judgment was outstanding, but in many cases, even he was wrong. He bought us about 100 Chiron crosses. Herewith we offer only four as being really good.

Mr. Mc Bean shipped us Pearl crosses, over 100 of them. Herewith, we offer one.

We have culled our stock again and again, and resolved that we will not enlarge our glass area, but will discard everything we can that does not come up to our standard of perfection.

Our latest price list, offered herewith, is unusual in the fact that instead of being bigger and better, it is smaller and better. For one reason or another we have been able to eliminate a few crosses which rightly or wrongly we decided were not up to our standard, so that if you like the sort of flowers we do, you can pick for mentioned characters and give no thought to the question of quality. We believe also that everything offered has character, or "class" if you like the word. A wishy washy bloom is poor no matter what its other virtues may be.

You may not agree with our ideas of a perfect Cymbidium, but we at least, are not trying to sell you something we consider inferior. We gladly junk that stuff to give us room.

After fifteen years of Cymbidiums, our judgment must have reached a certain state of perfection. Many award winners, we do not think worthy, many of our own unawarded plants, we think magnificent.

We offer herewith what we honestly believe are completely outstanding Cymbidiums. They comprise a broad selection of color, shape and blooming period to fit any requirement. They are, unless otherwise noted, free blooming, of heavy texture, well set large flowers, no twisted petals or sepals, not hooded and are all well expanded. The colors are clean and bright. They all must have "character", and hold their flowers properly on the spikes.

We believe our prices are extremely attractive by any comparison with flowers of equal quality offered by others. High grade Cymbidiums are expensive to produce. The parent plant is perhaps the best out of twenty or more seedlings grown for five years or more before they can be proven. Thus the cost of one must carry the cost of the discards. Then when a back bulb is available, another couple of years of space and care pass before it can be sold. The buyer, on the other hand, within a relatively few months receives a dividend of eight or more flowers worth about a dollar each at wholesale. And within five years the plant should be producing in flowers a return of at least 100% on the investment.

Invest \$100.00 in Dupont and be happy with \$2.50 in dividends, with \$5.00 perhaps in prospect five years from now.

Invest \$100.00 in three of our Cymbidiums and one should get \$24.00 in flowers on the first blooming and \$100.00 of flowers in the fifth year; assuming, as we expect, a relatively stable market for high grade flowers. For despite the thousands of seedlings being grown, really high grade Cymbidiums are in very short supply, and we believe you can invest with confidence in plants of the quality we offer.

Our quotations are for back bulb propagations with a growth of at least twelve inches. We reserve the right to ship larger pieces, or to hold orders until a growth of this size is achieved, regardless of the time interval.

We are interested in the supplying of lovely flowers to the lover of Cymbidiums, and we believe you will be happy with anything that you may favor among our offerings. Shipments will be made F.O.B. Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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## BROWN OR BUFF

	Price
<b>CLAIRE ARMSTRONG #DL</b> .....	<b>\$35.00</b>
Splendid dark gold, fading to dark buff, flat very large flower, arching spike.	
<b>PERI × ROSANNA FCC #V</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Clean buff, fine shape and size.	
<b>PRESIDENT WILSON #20</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Fine shaped, large buff. Handsome.	

## GREENS

<b>ALEXANDERII WESTONBIRT × THORA #T</b> var <b>APPLE BLOSSOM</b> .....	<b>\$40.00</b>
Lovely light green, pink lip and white throat.	
<b>BODMIN MOORE #A-5</b> .....	<b>50.00</b>
Very large flat flower, perfect shape, pale green, broad lip, heavily stippled crimson. A grand flower.	
<b>CONNINGSBRANUM × ADONIS</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Large olive-green, free blooming, somewhat twisted sepals, but very effective.	
<b>GRAND MONARCH var EXQUISITA FCC RHS</b> .....	<b>40.00</b>
Very large, spreading, sweet scented, lemon or green depending on light intensity. Round dark brown spots on large lip. A challenge in that if you can make it bloom the flowers open in December.	
<b>INEZ var REX</b> .....	<b>40.00</b>
Round, flat flower with unusual ruffled edges to petals, green or pale yellow depending on light intensity. Outstanding.	

## PINKS

	Price
<b>ALEXANDERII</b> × <b>PAWELSII COMPTE d'HEPTINNE AB-1</b> .....	<b>\$35.00</b>
"Swallow" opens brown, fades to fine pink, clean, large, open flower.	
<b>ALTAIR #A-6</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Huge spikes of round somewhat cupped-shaped dark pink flowers, dark crimson banded lip. Almost too vigorous.	
<b>BODMIN MOOR #H</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Very free blooming, large light pink.	
<b>CARISBROOK #2 var FISHELSON</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Medium size, round greyish rose. Most unusual. As a corsage with sweetheart roses, completely lovely.	
<b>CORELLA #13</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Coral pink, fine, large lip, very tall curving spikes.	
<b>GOSOON #453-A</b> .....	<b>40.00</b>
Beautiful well-shaped pink, pink lip.	
<b>HISTORIAN HC</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Beautiful flower, pink with pastel pink lower lip, pink spotted on upper side, slightly cupped.	
<b>ITHICA</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Vigorous, late season pink, somewhat star-shaped. Very fine.	
<b>JANETTE #11</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Delicate pink, large well-set flower.	
<b>JOY SANDER var DOM AUSTRALIAN AM</b> .....	<b>40.00</b>
Well set flat reddish pink, dark crimson lip.	
<b>PERI</b> × <b>ROSANNA FCC #A</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Very vigorous, heavy, clean light pink.	
<b>SCHLEGELLI var MRS. HOUSE</b> .....	<b>30.00</b>
A good sized clean pink. Blooms at Christmas. Shape not up to best standards.	
<b>SWALLOW #2 CB</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
A clean shell pink, broad lip with cerise band and golden throat.	

## CREAM WHITES

	Price
<b>ALEXANDERII WESTONBIRT × BODMIN MOOR #M</b> .....	<b>\$35.00</b>
A beautiful round brownish cream, striking dark brown lip.	
<b>ALEXANDERII WESTONBIRT × OLYMPUS #B</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Fine sized dark cream. Opens orange-red. Very fine.	
<b>ALEXANDERII WESTONBIRT × THORA #LC</b> .....	<b>50.00</b>
Heavy cream-white, Balkis type lip, fifteen or more large flowers well set on long arching stem. Outstanding.	
<b>BODMIN MOOR A-2</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Opens lemon, turns pure white, pastel pink lip very round effective flower.	
<b>BODMIN MOOR AB-8</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Magnificent, large heavy cream, red-lined lip.	
<b>BODMIN MOOR #AB-10</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Grand, heavy cream white, showy pastel crimson lip.	
<b>DORCHESTER #17-B</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Heavy, early blooming cream-white, pink speckled lip, gladiolus-shaped flower.	

## PINK WHITES

<b>ALTAIR A-24 var MAGNOLIA</b> .....	<b>\$35.00</b>
Round pink-white, pink speckled lip, very vigorous and free blooming.	
<b>ARABELLA var MAGNIFICENT A. M.</b> .....	<b>40.00</b>
Very pale lavender, grand shaped heavy flower on nice arching spike.	
<b>ARABELLA #31</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Fine pink-white, nicely rounded tips, very well set flower.	
<b>BUTTERFLY × ROSANNA F.C.C. var BOXFORD</b> .....	<b>100.00</b>
Very heavy open, round flushed white beautiful pink speckled lip. Free blooming on nicely arched spike. A magnificent Cymbidium. From a smallish bulb, flower measurements are:	
Dorsal Sepal .....	$1\frac{7}{8} \times 3\frac{1}{4}$
Petal .....	$1\frac{5}{8} \times 2\frac{3}{4}$
Span of Sepals .....	$4\frac{5}{8}$
Span of Petals .....	$4\frac{5}{8}$

	Price
<b>CHRISTINE × ALEXANDERII WESTONBIRT</b>	
<b>var MOONLIGHT</b> .....	<b>40.00</b>
A very heavy well-set large green-white, just a hint of lemon in the lip.	
<b>GALAXY #20</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Pink and flesh, long pink lip with orange center. Very unusual.	
<b>MADONNA #S</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Large, well set, pink-white. Wild bloomer.	
<b>SWALLOW var VON KAMECKE</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Round, well set flower, very pale lavender, lavender-edged lip.	
<b>SWALLOW #6</b> .....	<b>40.00</b>
Creamy pink, extra fine shape and substance, large.	

## WHITE WHITES

<b>ALEXANDERII ALBUM</b> .....	<b>\$30.00</b>
Not as heavy-textured as we like, but very ethereal, with a hint of lemon in the throat only. The ladies' favorite, true white-white.	
<b>ALEXANDERII, McBEANS var</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Large, white-purple banded lip.	
<b>ALEXANDERII WESTONBIRT × BODMIN MOOR #AA</b> .....	<b>40.00</b>
Very heavy textured clean white with lavender lined lip and golden throat. Arching sprays.	
<b>ALEXANDERII WESTONBIRT × MIRELLA #GH</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Large spreading white, royal purple banded lip. Most stylish.	
<b>ALEXANDERII WESTONBIRT × OLYMPUS #VR</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Charming, alert shaped, clean white, lavender pastel lip, bright yellow throat.	
<b>ALEXANDERII WESTONBIRT × THORA #HR</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Lovely well-shaped white, pink lip.	
<b>ARABELLA var WAVERLY A. M. AUSTRALIA</b> .....	<b>40.00</b>
Beautifully-shaped white, lavender-edged lip.	
<b>BALKIS #35</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Fine, round-shaped white, charming pink lip.	



	Price
<b>BODMIN MOOR #A-7</b> .....	<b>30.00</b>
Wild blooming white, pastel pink lip.	
<b>CHRISTINE × ALEXANDERII WESTONBIRT #LP</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Clean, erect, white. Large heavy flowers.	
<b>CYGNUS #11</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Large white, pastel pink lip, lightly dotted chocolate.	
<b>CYGNUS #686</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Large white, lightly dotted pink pastel lip.	
<b>DORCHESTER A-6</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Very free blooming, clean white, royal purple banded or stippled lip. (Varies between flowers.)	
<b>EAGLE #64</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Vigorous white-white, heavily speckled lip, carries petals high, stylish.	
<b>EBONIA</b> .....	<b>30.00</b>
Clean white-white, purple banded lip.	
<b>ETHEL WARD B-16</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Lovely star-shaped white, purple black banded lip, light purple line in petals.	
<b>GOSOON #30</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Free blooming, clean white.	
<b>JUNGFRAU A-11</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Luminescent white, lavender-edged lip, crowded spike unless properly grown.	
<b>NADINA #3</b> .....	<b>40.00</b>
Beautifully set, large white, lip lightly dotted with purple.	

## YELLOWS

	Price
<b>ALBATROSS × ALEXANDRII WESTONBIRT</b> .....	<b>\$40.00</b>
Beautiful well set yellow with pink edging, yellow lip with solid red tip. Very unusual.	
 <b>ALEXANDRII WESTONBIRT × BODMIN MOOR</b>	
<b>var CASAMAJOR</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
An astonishing color; dark straw or light tangerine, matching lip. Somewhat "cupped".	
 <b>ALEXANDRII WESTONBIRT × THORA #CC</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Lovely lemon, keeps color.	
 <b>ALEXANDRII WESTONBIRT × THORA #B</b> .....	<b>40.00</b>
Very large, cream yellow, huge spikes, gently curved.	
 <b>ALEXANDRII WESTONBIRT × THORA #I</b> .....	<b>40.00</b>
Splendid flat, round, lemon yellow, bright red lip. Outstanding. Does not fade.	
 <b>AUREOLA #32</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Fine large gold, dark crimson banded lip. Keeps color.	
 <b>BODMIN MOOR A-4 A. M. A. O. S. '55</b> .....	<b>50.00</b>
A vigorous free blooming light lemon, with pale lip lightly dotted with red. Excellent substance and well spaced on arching spikes carrying up to twenty or more flowers, measuring about 4-1/4 inches.	
 <b>CYGNUS #452</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Fine lemon, crimson dotted lip.	
 <b>ERICA SANDER × PEARL AB-2</b> .....	<b>40.00</b>
An astonishing bright yellow, lemon lip, white throat. Does not fade. Attractive shape, but not perfect.	
 <b>MIRANDA A-23</b> .....	<b>30.00</b>
Clean yellow, bright crimson banded lip.	
 <b>SWALLOW var SPECIAN</b> .....	<b>40.00</b>
Lovely lime, broad, pale lip with a few spots.	

## UNUSUAL COLORS

	Price
<b>ALEXANDERII WESTONBIRT × THORA #FF</b> .....	<b>\$35.00</b>
A real pale lavender with broad exquisite lightly dotted lip. A most charming if not perfectly shaped flower.	
<b>ALTAIR #19</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Beautiful arching spike of well set round flowers, slightly cupped, cream pink, with very showy dark lip.	
<b>BORIS AUREA #C-16</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Medium size, burgundy red, crimson lip.	
<b>CHIRON × SCHEILA A-10</b> .....	<b>40.00</b>
Star-shaped flower; glowing burnished copper.	
<b>CONSTANCE FLORY B-20</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Medium size, bright dark rose. Tops for color.	
<b>CONSTANCE FLORY #D-1</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Smallish marvelous color, very dark wine, matching lip.	
<b>JUNGFRAU A-29</b> .....	<b>35.00</b>
Free blooming, grey-green and pink, sweet-scented, lovely curving spikes.	



## GROWING CYMBIDIUMS IN NEW ENGLAND

For fifteen years we have been experimenting with various methods of growing Cymbidiums, and present herewith some observations based on personal and, we may add, costly experience.

To begin with, a vigorous plant will keep its vigor for a long time despite abuse, while a weak plant takes years of nursing to restore its vigor.

Unless very valuable, a plant with a bad attack of virus is better on the dump. Fungicides may help, but better be brave and get rid of a source of possible infection.

We use a potting mixture of one-half sharp sand, one-half by loose measure well "cooked" compost, from the garden pile, but believe they will grow well in about any mix that is really porous, and which will not become soggy.

We never let the plants get dry, and always water with very weak cow manure water — three gallons of well-aged strong manure water to 100 gallons of clear water. No bone meal, no artificial fertilizers, no nonsense. Under this system our P. h. is slightly acid.

We sink our pots half way in sand on the benches to check drying out too fast.

We never spray the plants for we cannot see that it is necessary, and it spreads any virus like magic.

We never wet down the walks; give them clear glass from October to March; and whitewash only enough to keep the NEW growth from turning yellow and keep the house cooler in summer. In winter, a night temperature of about 56 degrees, day temperatures between 56 and 80 degrees when the plants are carrying spikes; in summer we certainly go over 100 degrees on a hot day, — and if the plants are vigorous, we rather think they like it. At all times when not too cold we give them lots of air.

We spray with fungicide once or twice during the summer, as a prophylaxis, and gas twice with Aramite as soon as the flowers are over, and twice again about July 1st to be sure there are no red spiders. We find gassing kills any buds even in the sheaf.

Snails, our only other problem, can be killed off effectively with Kilslug from the L. Sherman Adams Company.

We don't break up our plants until they get too big, just knock them out and put them in a pot two inches larger in diameter, filling in around them with fresh soil. Don't be afraid of overpotting. As we do not bother with crock, this operation takes about two minutes, and the new soil is firmed down with a couple of cups of water.

This about covers it, according to our experience. Perhaps two-thirds sand would be better than a 50-50 mix, especially on large plants. Don't think you are being kind by cheating on the proportions. We have some of our most healthy plants growing in pure sand.

Start with clean, healthy plants. Weak ones, or for that matter seedlings, take far longer than you will believe to bring to real maturity.

Once again, we repeat this is only a system that seems to work well for us, under New England conditions. We think we get good bloom, and our plants are, we think, vigorous and healthy.

Perhaps our experiences may help others a little, and so we offer this with our compliments.





